

REMARKS

Claim 1 has been amended to include the limitations of claim 2. Claim 2 has been cancelled. Claims 5, 7, and 16-18 were previously cancelled. Claims 1, 3-4, 6, and 8-15 remain pending. Reexamination and reconsideration are requested.

The title of the invention was objected to as not being descriptive. Applicants have amended the title and believe the title is now descriptive.

Claims 1, 3, 4 and 6 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Hashimoto (U.S. Patent No. 6,177,175) and Iwata et al. (U.S. Patent No. 6,346,322).

Claim 2 was objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim. Applicants have amended claim 1 to include the limitations of claim 2. Claim 2 has been cancelled rendering this rejection moot.

Applicants thank the Examiner for the allowance of claims 8-15.

In view of the above amendments and remarks, Applicants respectfully request a Notice of Allowance. If the Examiner believes a telephone conference would advance the prosecution of this application, the Examiner is invited to telephone the undersigned at the below-listed telephone number.

Respectfully submitted,

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